ARWSP in Rajasthan

4850. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide special assistance to the State of Rajasthan in the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP);

(b) whether there are any special norms for assistance in the above said programme to different State particularly desert States where drinking water is one of the biggest problem; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The State Governments implement the programme under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Power have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement their individual water supply schemes. The allocation of Central Assistance under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is subject to a minimum matching provision by the State Governments under their Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). A fixed amount of annual central plan allocation is earmarked for Rural Water Supply in Desert Development Programme (DDP) areas in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan, without the condition of the States providing matching provisions under their MNP. Funds under the ARWSP are allocated as per the approved allocation criteria.

(c) Does nnt arise.

Pilot projects started in Rajasthan

4851. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the pilot districts selected in the State of Rajasthan for O & M and WQM and S (Water Quiled Monitoring and Surveillances);

(b) whether any pilot project has already been started;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if not, by when pilot projects are supposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIA. RAJA): (a) Government of Rajasthan has identified the districts of Jaipur, Alwar, Sikar and Banner for implementation of Sector Reform project which *inter-alia* envisages to institutionalise community based O&M and WQM & S in Rural Water Supply sector.

(b) to (d) Administrative sanction in respect of the pilot projects of Jaipur, Alwar and Sikar has been issued. The State Government is at this stage carrying out the preliminary formalities, which are necessary before the actual commencement of the project.

NDMW in Rajasthan

4852. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan amount spent on construction of drinking water projects so far by National Drinking Water Mission in different parts of Rajasthan;

(b) the future plan of NDWM to cover the remote areas of the State of Rajasthan;

(c) whether there is any target fixed for supply of safe drinking water to all the villages in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the latest expenditure report furnished by the State Government of Rajasthan till January, 2000, an amount of Rs. 1066.36 crore was spent under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme for implementing rural water supply schemes in Rajasthan since VII Plan. The State Government also incurred an expenditure of Rs. 999.87 crore under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the same period.

(b) to (d) The National Agenda for Governance of the Government, *interalia,* envisages to provide access to drinking water facilities to all rural habitations in five years time. As Drinking Water Supply is a State subject, and